(b) the number of proposals pending with the Ministry at present, out of above;

(c) the steps being taken by Government for the speedy disposal of the pending proposals; and

(d) by when a final decision will be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATISUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) During the year 2005-06, ten proposals were received from the State Government of Chhattisgarh uder various Centrally Sponsored Schemes out of which central grant has been sanctioned in four proposals while five proposals were found incomplete. The State Government has been requested to submit the complete proposals.

Drug addiction among children

2229. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of drug addiction among children in juvenile homes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the action taken thereon; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to prevent such a situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) Government is aware of the possibility of children living in juvenile homes being affected by drug menace. State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised to avail of the services of Drug De-addiction and Counselling Centres set up across the country under the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse for these juvenile homes.